(b) if so, the places selected for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has approved the Rubber Plantation Development Scheme and the Scheme for Rubber Development in North East with outlay of Rs. 240.39 crore and Rs. 173.05 crore respectively for implementation during the Eleventh Five Year Plan for increasing rubber production in the country. While the Rubber Plantation Development Scheme is operational in the traditional region comprising the States of Kerala and Tamil Nadu and also the non-traditional region like Karnataka, Goa, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, etc., the Scheme for Rubber Development in North East is operational in all the north eastern States namely Tripura, Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh.

De-reservation of industries

2511. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently announced de-reservation of several industries, reserved erstwhile for Small Scale Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of number of SSI Units dealing with these items indicating estimated capital investment made therein till 31st December, 2007 and number of skilled and unskilled manpower engaged in each of these Units on an average;

(d) the rationale behind taking them out from SSI list;

(e) the year-wise details of items thus de-listed from SSI since 1991-92; and

(f) the details of items added, if any, to the list of items reserved for Small Scale Sector during the period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Government has recently de-reserved 79 items from the list of items reserved for exclusive manufacture in the Small Scale Sector. The product group-wise details of these items are: Food & Allied Items-04, Paper and paper products-18, Plastic product (including injection moulded thermo plastic products)-08, Chemicals and chemical products-06, Natural essential oils-02, Organic chemicals, Drugs and Drug intermediates-08, Other chemicals and chemicals products-10, Mechanical engineering, excluding transport equipment-04, Electrical machines, appliances and apparatus including electronics and electrical appliances-15, Electronic equipments and components-01, Stationery items-03.

(c) and (d) As per the data available, based on the Third All India Census of SSIs 2001-2002, the number of units, estimated total capital investment and total employment in registered and un-registered sectors dealing with the 79 items de-reserved are 17586, Rs. 155294 lakh and 84128 respectively. These items were removed from the list of items reserved for exclusive manufacture in SSI sector with a view to; increase the competitiveness of industry, facilitate adequate flow of credit, upgrade technology so that the product produced

are of world class and competitive in the global market, compete with imports, achieve the economies of scale and promote creation of job opportunities.

(e) Year-wise details of items de-reserved from the list of items exclusively reserved for SSI Sector since 1991-92 is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(f) No items have been added in the list of items reserved for Small Scale Sector since 1991-92.

Statement

Year-wise details of items de-reserved from the list of items exclusively reserved for SSI Sector

Date of Notification	No. of items reserved	No. of items dereserved	Cumulative Net No. of items reserved
25th July, 1991 $	-	-	839
3rd April, 1997	-	15	824
3rd February, 1999	-	10	814
1st January, 2001	-	01	813
29th June, 2001	-	14 ***	801
20th May, 2002	-	51 @	750
3rd June, 2003	-	75	675
20th October, 2004	-	85 @@	605
28th March, 2005	-	108 @@@	506
16th May, 2006	-	180	326
22nd January, 2007	-	87	239
13th March, 2007	-	125	114
5th February, 2008	-	79	35

$The then existing list was made as Schedule-III to notification No.

S.O.477(E) dated 25.7.1991, issued to implement the announcement made in the Statement on Industrial Policy, 1991.

***Since it included two sub-items, the effective number comes to 12 only.

@Since it included one sub-items, the effective number comes to 50 only.

@@Since it included fifteen sub-items, the effective number comes to 70 only.

@@@Since it included ten sub-items, the effective number comes to 99 only.

FDI limit for TV broadcasters

2512. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the FDI limit being proposed by Government for mobile TV broadcasters;

(b) whether there is any cap on broadcasting companies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?